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THE WEATHER.

For this section cloudy and unsettled tonight and Friday.

PAPERS FILED ASSURING SHIPBUILDING PLANT

Court Decrees Received Last Night and Placed on Record by Clerk of Corporation Today — Attorneys State That the American Shipbuilding Corporation May Now Proceed to Establish its Plant on Site Wanted in Alexandria—News Causes General Rejoicing Throughout the City.

Perhaps no announcement which the Gazette has ever carried into the homes of this old city during the century and over in which it has been published, has brought greater happiness to Alexandrians than the news it will take to them this afternoon, which is summed up in the following words: Alexandria will have the Shipbuilding Industry.

Since the formal announcement, made by Representative Charles C. Carlin at the public meeting held in the Opera House here on the night of December 12th last, concerning the locating of the shipbuilding plant in this city, it has formed the chief topic of conversation among those interested in the best welfare of Alexandria. Difficulties in the way of securing the property required for the site of the proposed shipyard, which have arisen since that time, have caused many to fear that something might happen to prevent the giantic industry from being located here after all. Rumors circulated one day brought clouds of disappointment, which, in turn, were blown away the following day by statements of a more rosy hue.

Papers Filed Last Night at Eight O'clock.

Last night, however, Hon. James R. Caton, one of the attorneys interested in the case, had the satisfaction of turning over to Clerk Nevell S. Greenaway of the Corporation Court, the necessary papers in the transaction, all properly signed and bearing the legal endorsement of Judge Thornton of the Circuit Court, clearing up the entire matter and certifying to the sale of the desired property for the shipyard site.

The sum involved in the transaction, is in round figures about $50,000. Mr. Caton informed a representative of the Gazette that he has the necessary checks in his hands, and has had them for the past ten days, and will pay the same over to the proper parties as soon as he can do so.

Mr. Caton stated that everything had been cleared up and that nothing now stood in the way of proceeding with the work of establishing the shipbuilding plant here as soon as the men and material could be gotten here.

Some six decrees in all were included in the papers filed with Clerk Greenaway confirming the sale of the land wanted for the site and which were today place on record. Deeds for the property will be drawn up at once which will also be passed to the owners and recorded promptly.

What The Shipbuilding Plant Should Mean to Alexandria.

In the course of his speech at the Opera House on the night of Dec. 12th, Mr. Carlin said concerning the Shipbuilding industry which will be located here:

"In the next twelve months twelve ships must be built. That will mean at least $7,500,000 will be turned loose in Alexandria. How much of that sum will remain here I cannot tell, but I cannot imagine of any concern, from the bootblack up, that will not be very materially helped. The shipyard must be finished in three months, upon which from $1,500,000 to $2,500,000, will be spent."

Charles W. Morse, the head of the United States Shipbuilding Company, who will be the real head of the American Shipbuilding Corporation which will operate the Alexandria plant, also made the following statement in his speech at the same meeting:

"Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen: When I was invited to come here I said that I would rather build a ship than make a speech. About a month ago I received a telegram that I was wanted here on a very important matter and asking if I would come. As a result, we shall build twelve ships here. I can see no reason why our industry here should not be permanent and no reason why Alexandria should not be equally as good a place in which to build ships as any point on the Atlantic seaboard. My three sons will be here with you. I am sorry they could not be here tonight. We want you to feel that we are only the servants of the government. I believe that I can safely say that within the next fifty years the United States will control the commerce of the seas, which will mean that it will control the commerce of the world."

In answer to questions asked him by Mr. Carlin, Mr. Morse stated that it would be necessary for his company to expend from a million and one-half to two million and one-half of dollars to build and equip the shipyard to be established in Alexandria.

Will Bring From 2,500 to 4,000 Workmen.

Mr. Colin H. Livingstone, of Washington, the president of the company, said in his remarks at the meeting in this city:

"We are going to do things here, and it will not be many months before you will all be cheering the launching of some of the big ships which will be turned out from the Alexandria ship yards. We are going to bring from 2,500 to 4,000 men here. And I want you to treat them as you would wish to be treated. Don't try to get all their money away from them. Help them in every way that you can, to get homes and make themselves comfortable, and they will be the means of helping you. In other words I want you all to stand right by us."

From the above it will be seen that the new industry should be of great benefit to the entire city. Alexandria will undoubtedly take on a new life and will enter upon a new existence—in other words, will take a place upon the the commercial map of the country which it has never before occupied. It will bring new people here who will need new homes which will mean commercial growth and prosperity on every hand.

To all those who have been instrumental in making these things possible, the Gazette heartily joins with all residents of the city in tendering its heartiest congratulations.

Boundaries of the New Shipyard.

The area necessary for the new shipbuilding plant will require about five city squares along the river front. Starting with the present shipyard property at the foot of Gibbon street, the plant will extend to and take in most of Jones's Point, leaving only the enclosure upon which the lighthouse is situated and which belongs to the government. This means Gibbon, Franklin, Jefferson, Greene, Church and South streets, the latter being the northern shore of Hunting Creek. It is also hinted that part of the creek will be reclaimed and that eventually the steamship plant or other enterprises will form an L-shaped manufacturing tract bordering on the Potomac river nad Hunting Creek and for some distance west.

Officers of the Alexandria Company.

As has been previously announced, the officers and directors of the American Shipbuilding Corporation, the subsidiary company of the United States Shipbuilding Comapny, which will operate the shipyard in Alexandria, are as follows, the charter having already been filed in the corporation clerk's office in this city:

Officers: Colin H. Livingstone, of Washington, president; B. W. Morse, of New York, vice-president; B. G. Higley, of New York, vice-president and secretary; H. F. Morse, of New York, treasurer.

There are 12 directors: Davis Elkins, Washington; Wm. Guggenheim, New York; Robert Jackson, Concord, N. H.; B. G. Higley, New York; Geo. W. Loft, New York; Colin H. Livingstone, Washington; C. W. Morse, New York; B. W. Morse, New York; E. A. Morse, New York; T. A. Shoreham, New York; R. Lancaster Williams, Baltimore.

The minimum capital of the company is given as $1.000,000, and the maximum, $10,000,000.

Sacrifice Candy.

Wheeling, W. Va., Dec. 20.—Sunday school children of West Virginia will sacrifice their Christmas candy this year and send the money that would be spent for sweets to the American committee for Armenian and Syrian relief in New York city.

Death Notice.

DIED, at his residence, 202 North Royal St., at 1:45 P. M., on Thursday, December 20, 1917, JOHN HARLOW, aged 78 years. Notice of funeral hereafter.

Alexandria City and Suburbs

Mrs. Edward Penn has returned to her home in Richmond after being the guest of Mrs. John Clapdore for two weeks.

The many friends of Mr. Paul Nagel, formerly a resident of this city, but now living in Baltimore, Md., will be pleased to learn of his enlistment in the Aviation Corps. Mr. Nagel left for a western training camp December 11th.

Fifty-five years and one week ago today—December 13, 1862—occurred Burnsides' defeat at the first battle of Fredericksburg. The Alexandria regiment, the Seventeenth of Virginia, was not engaged in the actual battle, although it was not far away. Mr. Edgar Warfield, Sr., of this city, who was with the Alexandria regiment at the time, says that the ground in that vicinity was covered with snow and severe cold weather was being experienced by the boys in the army. Among the other "boys" from here who were also in the Seventeenth regiment at the time were D. H. Appich, J. R. Zimmerman, Frank J. Davidson, George Wise, Col. Arthur Herbert, Chas. O. Sipple, W. J. Hall, Lieut. W. T. McKnight, Thomas Kelly, M. H. Underwood, F. A. Howell. Thomas W. White and E. C. White.

Mrs. J. M. Dickerson has returned to her home in Royal street after a visit to Richmond friends.

The regular prayer meeting will be held at three o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the Anne Lee Memorial Home.

There was no meeting held of the board of police commissioners last night owing to the fact that there was not enough of the members present to constitute a quorum.

While driving an automobile up Johnson's hill, a few miles from this city, J. B. Caruse of Washington was thrown from the machine on account of its skidding to one side of the road. His head was cut and right shoulder considerably bruised. He was brought to the Alexandria hospital where his injuries were given attention by Dr. E. A. Gorman.

Local Union No. 1058, Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paper Hangers elected the following named officers at their meeting last night: Taylor Rudd, president; James H. Quayle, vice-president; James S. Deeton, recording secretary; Frank Hall, financial secretary; Frank W. Deeton, preceptor and treasurer; A. Warren, conductor and James H. Williams, warden.

The steamer Fennimore, said to be owned by C. W. Morse of New York, the well known ship builder, passed up the Potomac river this afternoon shortly after twelve o'clock toward Washington.

George Smith and James Diggs, both colored, forfeited $10 collateral by failing to appear in the Police Court this morning to answer the charge of disorderly conduct and assault last night. This was the only case on the docket.

Miss Mae Wood and Mr. George Hardy of this city were married yesterday afternoon at four o'clock by the Rev. P. P. Phillips of St. Paul's Episcopal church. Among those present at the ceremony were Mrs. Victor Gauzza, and Miss Edna Clark, of Washington; Mrs. Claude Violet and Mr. and Mrs. George Wood, of this city. Shortly after the wedding the bride and groom left for Washington where they were tendered a dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Victor Gauzza brother-in-law and sister of the bride. From there they were to go on a honeymoon trip to Norfolk and later will return to reside in Alexandria.

WANTS GENERAL PEACE

Austria-Hungary Cannot Maintain Disinterested Aims if Enemies Continue War.

Amsterdam, Dec. 20.—Austria-Hungary approves a general peace "without annexations, territorial or economic, but cannot maintain such disinterested war aims as long as her enemies continue the war," Count Czernin, Austrian foreign minister, declared in a speech before the parliament.

Dispatches from Vienna today said he made reply to interpellations and approved the Russian peace movement.

GERMAN PEACE TERMS

Proposals May be Framed to Trick German Peoples—Some, However Believe Kaiser is Sincere.

Washington, Dec. 20.—What purports to be an outline of the kaiser's much-advertised "Christmas peace terms" has reached here through the same neutral diplomatic channels which earlier in the week received information to support intimations from abroad that a new peace offer was coming.

In the main, the terms as described follow the lines of those said to have been written by Foreign Minister von Kuhlmann last summer. At that time they were denounced as having been written purely for political purposes.

The so-called terms, which must be appraised only at their face value, are said to include the following:

To leave the disposition of Alsace-Lorraine to a plebiscite of inhabitants.

England to pay Germany for her lost African colonies and the money to be used for the rehabilitation of Belgium, Serbia, Rumania and northern France.

Russian provinces bordering the Baltic, the Black sea and Prussia to become independent under a German plan.

Poland to be called an independent state under Austrian suzerainty.

Disarmament, freedom of the seas and commerce to be left to the peace conference.

Rumania, Serbia and Montenegro to retain their original boundaries, with the right of access to the sea being granted to Serbia.

Turkey to remain intact.

DEATH OF JOHN HARLOW.

Old and Well-Known Resident Passes Away at His Home on North Royal Street Early This Afternoon.

John Harlow, who had been confined for several months to his home, 202 north Royal street, by indisposition, died early this afternoon. The deceased was 78 years old. He is survived by his widow and six children—George, John and Edward Harlow, and Mrs. M. P. Greene, Mrs. Richard Hartigan and Miss Mary V. Harlow.

The deceased was a son of the late Michael Harlow. He was born in Ireland, but came to Alexandria when a boy and had since resided here. For many years Mr. Harlow was actively engaged in business in Alexandria. In recent years, however, failing health forced him to relinquish all occupation.

He was a brother of M. B. Harlow, Mrs. Phillip Roche and Miss Mary Harlow.

Norfolk Oysters, Hampton Bars and Potomac River oysters. J. Brill No. 2 King street.

DRIVE IN FULL SWING

Red Cross Committees Busy in all Parts of the Country Securing New Members.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The Red Cross Christmas Drive is now in full swing; this time the Red Cross is after members not money. The Red Cross needs workers-legions of workers. Its activities are boundless and ever spreading. If you want to help suffering humanity—if you want to help our soldiers and sailors and their families in the simplest and most effective way, join the Red Cross; a dollar does it—and a heart!

The Red Cross is not only the greatest charitable institution ever organized—it is a business enterprise of the first magnitude—it is administered by men of great ability many of whom serve for nothing and all of whom serve with their whole heart—it is an adjunct of our government without politics—it is a part of our army without weapons of death—it is helping to "win the war by saving life, not destroying it. To enroll 10,000,000 members in one week's time seems a mighty task but if the beneficent work of the Red Cross were known as it should be known—if that membership dollar could be seen and followed on its errand of mercy—if people realized that in joining the Red Cross they were responding to the call of their country in its hour of need—then 10,000,000 names in a week would be but the beginning of an enrollment that would soon include every man woman and child in this fair land possessed of a dollar—and a heart.

SECOND DEGREE MURDER.

Girl Faces Years in Jail, But Gets Revenge on a Man.

New York, Dec. 20.—Mary Catone's story of the events which led her to drown eight-year-old Mary Rose in the Passaic River resulted in the conviction in Paterson, N. J., yesterday of the child's father, Chas Rose, of Paterson. Rose was tried on an indictment based upon Mary Catone's story as she told it at her own trial for murder of the child. He will be sentenced Friday.

Rose helped Mary Catone to a good job in a mill where he held a responsible position, the girl said, and later assaulted her. She brooded over the attack a couple of days and then lured Mary Rose to the Passaic River and drowned her. She tried to take her own life, but was rescued. She was held for attempted suicide, but officials did not believe her hysterical story of the murder.

Then Mary Rose was reported missing and Mary Catone was convicted of murder in the second degree. She is waiting sentence. Rose stoutly denied the girl's story.

Geo. E. Price and Company will have for sale for the balance of the week halibut, Spanish Mackerel, butter fish, Jersey trout and lake trout. City Market.

MORE NURSES WANTED

Twenty Thousand More Nurses Will Be Needed if War Continues Another Year Say The Authorities.

Richmond, Dec. 20.—Miss Dore E. Thompson, superintendent of the Army Nurse Corps, Mills Building, Washington, in a statement which the Council of Defense has just received, corrects an impression that has gained some publicity to the effect that the army is "fed up" with nurses. How such "impressions" gain currency is still a mystery; though not such a mystery as formerly.

Miss Thompson emphasizes the need of more graduate nurses for service both at home and over seas. She says:

"In the course of the next year, with a continuation of the war, at least 20,000 nurses will be required in army hospitals at home and abroad. Of the total number of graduate nurses of the country, approximately 80,000, only 3,500 have so far been assigned to duty in the army service, and of this number 1,500 are in France.

"It is because the need is not understood by the nurses of the country that the Army Nurse Corps lacks a proper nursing force today. Patriotic devotion runs high in the protession and we have many letters from nurses of all parts of the country declaring their intention and willingness to serve the Army, but these women do not appear to understand that the need is real at the present time. The actual need of the Army Nurse Corps today is 475 nurses and this number is needed for immediate service. Therefore, we are urgently requesting that nurses who have determined to do war service no longer postpone making application but immediately, by telegraph or by letter coppiy with the idea of immediate assignment.

"Any nurse who is qualified for service, no matter where she may be in this country, should not hesitate to make her application, her services are, or presently will be needed for the army."

A nurse traveling under orders is given a first-class ticket, Pullman car accommodations, and is reimbursed for incidental traveling expenses not exceeding $4.50 per day. Nurses are not required to purchase new uniforms, but may use any white uniforms they may have.

Application for appointment is made to the Army Nurse Corps blanks being furnished, and the applicant must meet the following requirements:

She must be between 21 and 45 years of age and unmarried. Previously the age specifications were 25 to 35 years.

Her physical fitness for service is to be established by a medical officer of the Army at his proper station. Examinations are confidential. To avoid long journeys the physical examination of the applicant may be made by her family physician. An army nurse must be a graduate of a training school for nurses and must have served for two years in a hospital. To meet the present emergency State registration will be waived. Appointments are made under an agreement to serve for the period of the emergency only, if the nurses do not desire to serve for the usual three-years period.

Army nurses designed to duty at military hospitals at home or abroad are provided with quarters and subsistance and are paid $50 per month, with $10 additional for foreign service.

The Red Cross nursing service constitutes the reserve of the Army Nurse Corps and enrollment may be through that body or directly through the Superintendent of the United States Army Nurse Corps at Washington.

Read These Prices.

Patapsco flour, $11.75 barrel. Twelve pound sack, 75c. Star hams, 32 cents. Country butter, 50 cents. Six packages spaghetti 25 cents. J. E. Purcell, 117 South Henry street, Alexandria. Phone 567 W. 301-3t.

WANTED—An assistant bookkeeper. Young lady preferred. State experience, if any. Address in your own handwriting. Box 67 Gazette office. 297-6t.

UPRISING GAINS FORCE

Bolsheviki, Under Pretext of Suppressing Rioting, Believed Preparing City for Defense.

London, Dec. 20.—The Russian uprising against the Bolsheviki had apparently reached even into Petrograd, stronghold of the Trotzky-Lenine government, according to dispatches today. Under excuse of restoring disorder due to robbery of stores and residences, the Bolsheviki, through the executive council of the workmen's and soldiers' delegates, have declared a "state of siege."

According to belief here, the Bolsheviki are carefully concealing what must be considerable disorder in the city, possibly organized rebellion against the Maximalist rule. All other Russian factions, according to latest information, have joined in opposing the Bolsheviki for their suppression of the constituent assembly.

The excuse given for the declaration of martial law in Petrograd was the disorder arising from the looting of wine cellars by the lawless element, but advices received here today said that trenches were being dug several miles from the outskirts of the city, and that artillery was being mounted where it could sweep the main approaches.

The fact that strong forces of Ukrainian troops have re-enforced the Cossacks is apparently causing the Bolsheviki regime considerable concern.

So far as known here there are no anti-Bolsheviki troops near Petrograd despite the recent report that Kerensky was approaching Petrograd with several thousand armed men. Nothing more has been heard of the report, and it is now considered very doubtful that Kerensky is even in the field.

Odessa, Dec. 20.—Fighting between the Bolsheviki and Ukrainians was halted today.

Both sides agreed to mixed patrols throughout the city to maintain order.

Scores of shops and residences have been pillaged. The fighting of armed forces had been seized upon by bandits as a pretext for wholesale robberies.

DUTCH ARMY GROWING.

The Netherlands Preparing for Any Eventualities.

The Hague, Netherlands, Dec. 20.—Only some two days march north of the battle arena in Flanders stands a formidable army, intact, fresh and vigorous, that has not yet fired a shot in the great war. It is the army of the Netherlands.

That army is ever growing. The work of training began feverishly back in August, 1914, and it has been carried on without a break ever since in all parts of the country. A special law was passed some two years since, greatly widening the circle of those liable to service, with the result that all the men under arms on August 1, 1914, now have been relieved by newly-trained men and sent home, though they can be recalled to the colors immediately should occasion arise.

That the country's military leaders have no intention to rest on their oars after the achievement is shown by a bill that has just reached Parliament providing for a re-examination of all men of the Landstrum born since 1885, who had been rejected for one reason or another. This measure is expected to yield a very substantial amount of fresh human material. It is believed that Holland can place half a million men in the field.

Serious efforts are being exerted to improve Holland's aerial service. A reorganization is contemplated that is estimated to cost between $7,200,000 and $7,800,000. The new scheme provides for 15 airplane divisions comprising 58 battle planes and 68 scouting planes.

Notice of Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the directors of the Alexandria Iron Works will be held at the office, corner Royal and Wilkes street, Alexandria, Va., on Monday, December 31, at 9 a. m. By order of President.

A. S. Mankin, Secretary.
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Fish day tomorrow. Jersey cod, butter fish, steak fish, yellow perch, lake trout, also Hampton Bar Oysters. Sanitary Fish Market, Stall No. 2. Phone 736. Open until 8 P. M.

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THE SHIPBUILDING PLANT IS ASSURED.

The announcement elsewhere in the Gazette that papers confirming the sale of reclaimed land opposite what is known as Battery Rodgers Hill, and the shipyard property have been filed in the clerk's office of the corporation court, will be read not only with satisfaction but with great joy by every Alexandrian. The shipbuilding plant is now assured, and the company which has acquired the property will not be slow in utilizing it.

The old saying, "All things come to those who wait," has been fulfilled in the history of Alexandria. Our city was not destined to be the site of the government armor plant. This plum was awarded to a city in a sister state, but it is said that nothing whatever has been done so far toward installing the plant at Charlestown, not a peg has been driven.

The property acquired by the American Shipbuilding Corporation in Alexandria will be utilized immediately, as Mr. Morse, head of this organization, has signified that his company is ready to engage in preliminary work at once. Our people should not be surprised to see steamships, bearing material, lying off the old shipyard and reclaimed land at any time.

The Gazette for a century and over has paricipated in the joys and sorrows incident to Alexandria. We have at times seen our fondest hopes decay, but have never lost faith in the future of our historic city. In the year 1891 we printed articles on the prospects of our old home city. They were written and published at the suggestion of the Board of Trade. We thought then that there was a future for Alexandria, and we have waited long to see the sun rise over the Maryland hills and cast his beams over a city which has taken its position among the great manufacturing and commercial centres of the country. We read of a good and aged man, who had waited long for the consolaion of Israels entering the temple and taking the infant Saviour in his arms and saying "Now, Lord, let thy servant depart in peace." We are not in the same spiritual frame of mind as this good Israelite, and would prefer remaining a while and witnessing the rejuvenating and consolation of old Alexandria and rejoicing with her in her silver slippers, a desideratum for which many have waied long and patiently.

"THE HALF HAS NEVER BEEN TOLD."

Frederic C. Walcott has prepared a special report on the systematic exploitation of human misery by the German authorities in Poland for the committee on public information as a part of its expose of the barbarities of the Germans. Extracts from similar reports have recently aped in the Gazette. Here are some extracts from Mr. Walcott's publication. He was an eye-witness of all he describes:

"Poland — Russian Poland — is perishing. And the German high command, imbued with the Prussian system, is coolly reckoning on the necessities of a starving people to promote its imperial ends.

"West Poland, which has been Prussian territory more than a hundred years, is a disappointment to Germany, its people obstinately remain Poles. This time they propose swifter measures. In two or three years, by grace of starvation and frightfulness, they calculate East Poland will be thoroughly made over into a German province.

"In the great Hindenburg drive one year ago the country was completely devastated by the retreating Russian army and the oncoming Germans. A million people were driven from their homes. Half of them perished by the roadside. For miles and miles the way was littered with mud soaked garments and bones picked clean by the crows— although the larger bones had been gathered by the thrifty Germans to be ground into fertilizer.

"Wicker baskets—the little basket in which the baby sleeps—from the rafters in every peasant home, were scattered along the way, hundreds and hundreds, until one could not count them, each one telling a death. (This pales into insignificance the slaughter of the babies in Bethlehem by the cruel Herod.)

"Warsaw, which had not been destroyed—once a proud city of a million people—was utterly stricken. Poor folks by thousands lined the streets, leaning against the buildings, shivering in snow and rain, too weak to lift a hand, dying of cold and hunger.

"Remove the men, let the young and weak die, graft German stock on the women. See how simple it is; with a crafty smile General Von Kries concluded. 'By and by we must give back freedom to Poland. Very good; it will reappear as a German province.'

"All the woes in the long account against Germany are part of the Prussian system. The invasion of Belgium, the deportations, the starving of subjugated people, the Armenian massacres, atrocities, frightfulness, sinking the Lusitania, the submarine horrors, the enslavement of women—all piece into the monstrous view. The rights of nations, the rights of men, the lives and liberties of all people are subordinated to the German aim of domination over all the world."

"ECUMENICAL CONSCIENCE."

As was stated in the Gazette this week, the most grotesque thing that has come out of Germany since August 1, 1914. is the appeal of Prince Max of Baden to the "ecumenical conscience" to save Germany. The sword alone, he told the Baden Diet, could not bring Germany peace, and he reminded the Allies that behind the German sword was the ecumenical conscience.

The Philadelphia Record says this is a frank admission of Germany's military inferiority which has been evident for a couple of years, but which well-placed Germans have not thus far ventured to make. It is also an appeal to the conscience of the whole world to stay the military power of the Allies because the military power of Germany is not equal to it.

The ecumenical conscience has spoken. Where does Prince Max find any nation sanctioning the course of his country?

Germans themselves have recognized in a dazed and mystified way that all the world condemns them. The war was wilfully brought about by Germany for its own profit. The ecumenical conscience has condemned Germany for forcing a war that might easily have been avoided, and for the infamous methods of its prosecution of the war. And the most terrible indictment of Germany has been framed by a few Germans who are capable of seeing and telling the truth.

The German sword will assuredly get no help from the ecumenical conscience, which loudly demands that Germany be rendered incapable of repeating its crime against civilization.

GERMAN DISASTERS.

(Providence Journal.)

Zurich reports two serious disasters in Germany. The first was an explosion in the Zeppelin works at Friedrichrube and resulted in many deaths and injuries. The other was near Kiel, where a factory in which aircraft bombs were made was blown up. In this plant also many persons were killed.

These stories take on added interest from the fact that only a few weeks ago the great munitions factory at Greisheim, near Frankfort, was destroyed. The works covered 54 acres Greisheim, near Frankfort, was depoison gas in such quantities that the loss was characterized as comparable to a serious military reverse.

Nobody seems to suspect Germany's enemies of having a hand in these disasters. In fact, it is only natural that there should be some accidents of the sort in a country which, like Germany, is desperately speeding up its war production. The moralist might find in them a judgment on the nation for its destructive propaganda in other countries.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Under the above heading the Gazette will be pleased to give reasonable space to any person who desires to make comment upon matters of general interest to the public. Writer will of course be responsible for their utterances. As a guarantee of good faith, the name and address of the writer of any article submitted for publication will be required in each instance.—Editor Gazette.

Editor Gazette:

A great deal has been said recently in the editorials in the Gazette, about juvenile offenders, of whom there seems to be so many in Alexandria.

I have always felt that there should be more mercy shown them; a good fatherly talk from some one in power would do more towards converting their bad traits into good ones than the treatment which many of them receive. Just at Thanksgiving last year there was a youngster in the city jail whose case spoiled Thanksgivng for a little band of women who held a prayer meeting in the jail; there have been cases since which many have considered improperly handled to say the very least.

This morning a young man passed down Wolfe street with a boy of about thirteen years, presumably conducting him to the station house. He was yanking (the most expressive word I can think of,) him along by the collar, beating him in the back, and when he was half a block off I heard him curse the child. I don't know what the boy's crime had been, I hardly believe he had murdered anybody, but there was no excuse for the treatment he received and it struck me as a grave injustice that there was nobody to say anything for the child. The man's word would be taken and the boy had just as well be dumb for all the good his words would do, when an angry man accused him. Now I want to know why we can't have a better system of dealing with juvenile offenders. I know the brains of the court officials everywhere are trying to solve this problem and haven't hit it yet, but they use too much brains and not enough heart. Children are guided more easily with love than they are with a stick. Let's have a court mother or else a good man, say a man like Judge Barley, who will handle all such cases, and don't brand a child and ruin his life by making him spend even a day or two in jail or the station house, a child jailbird!

Bertie H. Baggett.
Alexandria, Va., December 20, 1917.

REFUSE PEACE PARLEY.

Are Ignoring Negotiations Which Have Begun at Brest-Litovsk.

Amsterdam, Dec. 20.—The foreign ministers of the central empires began at Brest-Litovsk yesterday their negotiations with Russian plenipotentiaries for peace. Petrograd still insists it is a "general European peace" they are striving for.

Not the slightest doubt is entertained in responsible quarters in the allied capitals, however, that Berlin and Vienna are trying frantically to complete a separate deal with Russia before the week is over, so that they can present the fearful peoples with a diplomatic Christmas gift.

The central powers are not believed to delude themselves for a moment with the idea that the western allies would even discuss peace at this stage. Foreign Minister Balfour's statement yesterday, and the news from London that the allies are ignoring the Brest-Litovsk pourparlers, removed all doubts on that score.

Dispatches from the Swedish capital tell of a strong fear on the part of Teuton Socialists that a separate peace will mean the death knell to Socialists in Germany and Austro-Hungary, since it would return the militarists to undisputed power.

Meanwhile news came from Austria-Hungary yesterday showing that the Bolsheviki propaganda is beginning to bear fruit. Demands much like those made by the Mujiks, of Russia, are said to be made by the Austrian peasants. They want nobility abolished and the land of the nobles distributed to them, the peasants. A resolution to that effect already has been introduced in the Reichzat by a Czech deputy, it is reported. If this is true, the Bolsheviki are realizing their fondest hope to bring about social revolution in other countries.

The story of a recent Hungarian peace gathering attended by 120,000 persons was brought to Stockholm by Dr. Weltner, the Hungarian Socialist leader. He declares the Hungarians consider separate peace "the greatest possible danger to democracy."

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An Atlantic Port, Dec. 20.—Sinking of the British steamer City of Naples on December 5, while under convoy of destroyers, by a German submarine was reported on the arrival here yesterday of an American steamship. The British vessel, which was in ballast and was under charter to the White Star line, was just ahead of the American ship when struck by a torpedo. This was at a point five days from Plymouth, England, the master of the American vessel reported.

After the City of Naples was struck, destroyers dropped four depth bombs over the spot where the submarine was believed to have been. The American captain did not know whether these reached their mark and did not know what became of the crew of the British vessel.

SLAYS FATHER.

Aged Woman Says She Murdered Son as he Did His Boy.

Montrose, Colo., Dec. 20.—With the very axe which her son, J. O. Bush, used to kill his 11-year-old son, Mrs. J. H. Bush, 72 years old, slew the father while he slept Sunday night according to a confession Mrs. Bush made yesterday.

The murder of the child was disclosed Tuesday when Mrs. Bush told officers Bush had killed his son because the boy had stolen a sum of money, and then had made her help boil the body in lye to hide the crime. A daughter of Mrs. Bush visited the home after the murder, and after seeing suspicious blood stains on the walls, reported the fact to the authorities, who began an investigation. Bush was reported first as having fled to the mountains.

Mrs. Bush, in her confession, made to the coroner, says she was compelled to witness the murder of the boy and forced to assist her son in disposing of the dismembered body. After the murder, the confession says, Bush went to his room, taking the axe he had used with him, and went to sleep.

As Bush slept, the mother entered the room and killed him with the axe, disposing of his body as he had disposed of his son's.

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To make this order effective, and to relieve the dealer of the responsibility and difficulty of ascertaining the supply any consumer has on hand, it is arranged that an affidavit be furnished by the purchasers of coal in excess of one-half ton (this affidavit can be made by any member of the family over sixteen years of age.) These forms for making the affidavits will be in the hands of the dealers, and notaries and the affidavits will be taken without charge, by any one of the following notaries public, who have offered their services to aid the Commission in this work:

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NEWS OF THE OLD DOMINION

ALLEGED PROFITEERING.

Organizers of The Virginia Canners' Association Examined.

Washington, Dec., 20.—W. C. Smiley and D. William Good, of Roanoke, Va., appeared before Commissioner Victor Murdock this week in the first definite move against alleged food profiteers by the federal trade commission acting for the food administration.

They organized the Virginia Canners' association two years ago and it was charged that they sought to influence members to push prices up. The two men frankly said they had asked that prices be increased in an effort to fight organized jobbers. They agreed to send letters to their members nullifying the previous action. Commissioner Murdock was satisfied that the men were not profiteers and James A. Ford, counsel for the division of enforcement of the food administration, said he would recommended that revocation of licenses be waived.

SANDBAGGED AND ROBBED.

Answers Rap on Back Door and is Knocked Unconscious.

Richmond, Dec 20.—Stuart Burton, sixteen years old, was knocked unconscious in the back yard of his home at 2518 Kensington avenue, Tuesday night by a man who called in the guise of a beggar. The youth answered the rap on the door and when he went out the man felled him with a blow over the head and then went through his pockets, getting forty cents, according to the report at police headquarters today. Dr. St. Julien Oppenhimer attended the youth and restored him to consciousness. He was of the opinion that it was a case of sandbagging.

STONEWALL INN BURNS.

Wife of Proprietor Rescued From Window.

Suffolk, Va., Dec. 20.—Stonewall Inn, the handsome $10,000 hotel at Franklin, was totally destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning, the blaze starting in the basement and gaining such headway before being discovered that the excellent work of the fire department could not check the flames. All of the furnishings of the hotel were burned. Twenty-five guests awakened by the alarm of fire at 8 o'clock, escaped with most of their clothes.

Mrs. R. H. B. Cobb, wife of Proprietor Cobb, was rescued from an upper window.

The loss on the building, owned by R. H. B. Cobb, is covered by insurance. The furniture was not insured.

PLANTS DESTROYED.

Buildings Used by Newport Papers Damaged by Fire.

Newport News, Dec. 20.—Fire one morning this week wrecked the newspaper printing plant of the Newport news Daily Press and Times-Herald, the blaze originating in the paper storage room. The composing room is said to be a total loss. Local job printers are getting out the publications until new machinery can be installed. The loss is very heavy, but is covered by insurance.

The Press is the only morning paper on the Virginia peninsula and the Times-Herald is the only afternoon paper in the same field. W. S. Copeland, a veteran newspaper man, is the editor of both publications.

DRAFT OFFICIAL ATTACKED.

A. T. Baird Fired on Near Bristol by Tom Burgess, Who Had Been Exempted.

Bristol, Va., Dec. 20.—While visiting in the country a few miles from Jefferson, N. C., yesterday, A. T. Baird, a member of the Ashe Co., N. C., exemption board, was attacked by Tom Burgess, a registrant of the community, who had been allowed exemption on account of dependents. Burgess fired several shots at Baird, it is claimed, before he was overpowered and taken to jail. It is believed his mind became unbalanced brooding over being drafted though he had been exempted at the time of the assault.

COURT OF APPEALS.

Tribunal Postpones January Term to the 15th Proximo.

Because of the large number of lawyers who have volunteered their services as members of advisory board to local exemption boards, the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals has accepted the suggestion, approved by Governor Stuart, of postponing the January term. The term will open on January 15 instead of January 2, so as to relieve the members of the bar, who will be occupied during the next thirty days in aiding registrants prepare questionnaires from attendance upon the court until that date.

LANDMARK TO BE RAZED.

Hillman Tollgate House on the Valley Turnpike Passes Away.

Winchester, Va., Dec. 20.—With the razing of the Hillman tollgate house, there passes one of the most historic landmarks in the lower Shenandoah valley. This old building was located two miles south of Winchester, and was known as gate No. 1, on the Valley turnpike, which stretches from Winchester to Staunton, and was the first road of its kind built in the state of Virginia.

It was constructed in 1840, and since there were no railroads in this section at that time, it was used as part of the thoroughfare from the state of Tennessee to Alexandria, Va., and often twenty to thirty wagons could be seen in a line making the trip to and from the boats to Alexandria.

It was at this historic gate that Charlotte Hillman, who was considered a beautiful woman, held up Sheridan's army and insisted on the usual tribute of toll. When General Sheridan and his staff, leading the army reached the tollgate the toll-pole was down and was guarded by Mrs. Hillman who demanded toll. The general paid the regular toll and his staff followed his example, 'But,' said Sheridan as he passed through the gate, "I cannot vouch for my army;" when the common soldiery came up Mrs. Hillman raised the pole but stood at her post of duty all the day long, cutting a notch in the toll-pole for every ten soldiers that passed through the gate, after the war was over she counted the notches and sent the bill to Washington and pay was promptly received for the same.

MESSENGER BOY INJURED.

Youngster Hangs Head Downward Until Rescued From His Perilous Position.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 20.—His fee caught between the flooring of the building and the upper casing of a descending elevator in the National Bank of Commerce building, sixteen year-old Charlie Meads, of South Norfolk, a Western Union messenger was the victim of a gruesome experience a few days ago. But for the presence of mind of Johnnie Spells, the colored elevator operator, who stopped the elevator as quickly as possible, young Meads would doubtless have been killed. As it was, he was forced to remain hanging head downward in the elevator until help arrived to extricate him from his perilous predicament.

Young Meads had a message to deliver on the eighth floor of the building, and when the car reached that floor, the operator opened the door and the messenger started to step out. Just as he was in the act of stepping through the door, the elevator suddenly plunged downward. The boy was thrown backwards, and his feet struck the floor of the building, and were pinned there by the descending car. Spells grabbed the lever in time to stop the downward flight of the machine before the boy's life was crushed out.

Young Meads retained consciousness throughout the painful process of extricating him, and he directed the efforts of his rescuers. The boy displayed superb nerve. After he was taken from the car, he was carried to St. Vincent's hospital. It was stated at the hospital that both his legs and feet were badly bruised, but it was not known whether or not any bones were crushed.

COLGATE & CO. INDICTED.

Charged in Norfolk With Violating Law by Prescribing Resale Prices.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 20.—Colgate and Co., of Jersey City, was indicted by the Grand Jury in the United States Court here yesterday for violation of the federal laws by refusing to sell their products to dealers who would not agree to sell at the prices fixed by the company.

The indictment charges that Colgate and Co., manufacturers of soap and toilet preparations, has engaged in unlawful practices in Virginia and elsewhere in the United States.

The indictment alleges that the defendants, through wholesale and retail dealers, fixed the price at which all their products should be sold and refused to sell to dealers who would not agree to sell at the prices fixed by the company, thus suppressing competition.

MOVES TO M'CLELLAN.

Twenty-Two Cars Required to Move Men and Equipment to New Station.

Anniston, Ala., Dec., 20.—Twenty-two cars of equipment, accompanied by sixty men, for the battery of Virginia Field Artillery which arrived at Camp McClellan from Chickamauga Park this week pulled into the camp this morning, and the work of unloading the horses, wagons, caissons and harness was speedily carried out.

The train consisted of twenty-two cars, ten carloads of artillery horses, four cars of wagons and five solid box car loads of harness. The equipment comes from Chickamauga Park, where the battery has been stationed, and the members of the battery who accompanied the special train reported that it was a relief to ride into the pretty weather of Alabama after so many days of snow, sleet and ice at their former station.

Report Denied.

When interviewed concerning the rumor of the University of Virginia closing, President Edwin A. Alderman said, "My attention has been called to a rumor to the effect that the University of Virginia will be closed during some portion of the present session, on account of lack of coal, or for some other reason connected with the war. The rumor is utterly without foundation and absurd. The University, as a matter of fact, has a reserve supply of 1,800 tons of coal and fully expects to maintain this reserve. The University will open for the second term on January 3, 1918, and the work will go forward with the usual punctuality and thoroughness."

New York, Dec. 20.—Twenty fire men were injured, several of them seriously, early today, in a terrific back draft during a fire in a five-story building occupied by the New York Cordage Company on the East river front. The loss is estimated at $200,000.

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NEWS OF THE DAY

Siberia would welcome allied troops—preferably American—to aid her in establishing an anti-Bolsheviki government and in restoring order. British and American citizens returning to Tokio in increasing numbers brought this word yesterday. They said Siberia was planning a self-governing, independent nation extending from Vladivostok to Tomsk with Irkutsk as the center of government. The Japanese foreign office authorized the United Press to deny that Japanese troops had yet been landed at Vladivostok and declared that such a step was not imminent.

As the body of Mary Fleming, 19 years old, was being carried from her home in Philadelphia Thursday, to services in St. Thomas Aquinas Church, her mother, Mrs. Mary Fleming, dropped dead at the feet of the pallbearers. The shock of the mother's death following so closely that of the daughter, so unnerved the husband that he is confined to his bed and his condition is critical. The mother was buried today in the same grave with her daughter.

On charges of contempt of court and violating the act which forbids city employes from participating in politics, Mayor Thos. B. Smith was indicted by the grand jury in Philadelphia yesterday. The indictments are the result of the "bloody Fifth ward" riots in the September primaries.

Sharpening his lead pencil while holding it against his body, John Brill, 9-year-old pupil at St. John's School, New Brunswick, N. J., punctured his heart yesterday and died instantly.

The Crown Prince on Tuesday shifted his attack on the French front to the Argonne forest and the district of the Woevre, on either side of Verdun. At Four de Paris, in the former region, the German troops swept forward against Petain's positions twice, after heavy artillery. Paris reports the repulse with losses of both attempts.

When Edward Hopcraft, aged 26, of Cumberland, Md., expecting to be drafted, found he could not enlist Tuesday night he went to the home of his uncle, Robert Hopcraft, and committed suicide shortly before midnight by shooting himself in the head with a shotgun. He left a note to his wife, telling her to pay certain debts and notify the Moose Lodge, closing with a number of X marks, indicating kisses, saying "thousands and millions of them to you."

Foreign Minister Balfour announced in the British house of commons yesterday afternoon that President Wilson's war policy "was identical with that of the leaders of Great Britain." The foreign secretary referred to the statement of war aims announced by President Wilson in his address to Congress December 4.

Significant fumes issuing from among a number of tombstones which had been jostled about while being shipped from Wichita Falls, Texas, to the Mountain View, Okla., Cemetery attracted the attention of revenue officers, and resulted in the discovery of a quantity of whisky packed in a box among the stones. Two negroes have been arrested as violators of the internal revenue law.

Information reached Washington yesterday that Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Brazil and other South American republics have refused to attend the conference on South American neutrality which has been called at Buenos Aires, and to attend which Louis Cabrera, Mexican delegate to the United States, is reported to have sailed in pique over his treatment in Washington. It is generally predicted that the neutrality conference will fail of its object as the result of the decided swing of Argentine sentiment in favor of a break with Germany indicated by news received in Washington within the last two weeks and the indifference of the South American republics to the conference.

That ground glass has been placed in canned staple foods of soldiers at Camp Sheridan, Chillicothe, Ohio, was officially reported to camp authorities yesterday. Orders were immediately issued to make rigid examinations of every can of hominy and tomatoes which will be served.

After killing William McCarty, a negro, and seriously injuring Michael Finzen, a saloonkeeper, of Gary, Ind., two highwaymen, using sawed-off shotguns, escaped with $25,000 in cash, which the pair were taking from the bank to pay steel mill checks. The affair took place on one of the main streets.

A wireless message relayed yesterday from Admiral Knight, at Cavite, P. I., to Secretary Daniels announced completion of the chain of government radio stations extending halfway round the globe. From the Philippines the message was flashed 4,700 miles to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, then to the Pacific coast and finally across the continent to Arlington.

Travelers from European Russia by way of Harbin say Americans in Moscow and Petrograd are unable to leave the country. The Bolsheviki do not allow the banks to issue more than 100 rubles weekly to each depositor. Many Americans in the interior of Russia have only their clothes and some personal effects to take with them when they get away. Everything else has been taken from them in free-for-all robberies.

ALLEGED VICTIM OF PLOT.

Attorney for Johnson Protests His Return to West Virginia.

Boston, Dec. 20.—An effort to prove that the United States attorney for West Virginia has been deceived by a group of conspirators engaged in a desperate attempt to get the negro John Johnson back to that State will be made by Johnson's counsel in the proceedings before the Federal commissioner here. Offer of proof to this effect was made yesterday in the trial of Johnson as a fugitive from justice from Charleston, W. Va., where he is wanted to answer an indictment charging violation of the Mann act through the alleged transportation of Edith Godbey, a white woman, from Catlettsburg, Ky., to Charleston.

Richard W. Hale, former United States commissioner, senior counsel for Johnson, asserted that the Godbey woman, the government's principal witness, was one of the alleged conspirators, "although more sinned against than sinning."

"We will show," continued Mr. Hale, "that she is dominated by persons who have her under their control and that she fears personal injury unless her testimony is favorable to their case."

The woman was on the witness stand all day. In her direct testimony she told of intimacy with Johnson covering a period of five years, during which she said she constantly lived in fear of death if she did not do his bidding. In November, 1915, she testified, she threatened Johnson with arrest after he had kicked and beaten her, but she refrained from doing so when he promised to leave Charleston. He left, according to the witness, and three days later she received a letter and as a result went to Catlettsburg, where she said Johnson joined her. Two days later, she said Johnson provided her with transportation for the return to Charleston and occupied the seat directly behind her on the train.

APPEAL IS DENIED.

Justice Also Pays Tribute to War Work of Sisters.

New York, Dec. 20.—"If a love for religion were insanity it would be better if we were all a little more insane," declared Justice Faber in the Supreme Court, in Brooklyn, yesterday in denying the appeal of Mrs. Mary Donley, of Astoria, to obtain the custody of her daughter, Josephine Helen Donley, 24 years old, who is a Sister of Charity in St. Catherine's Convent, Manhattan.

The girl entered the convent the day after she was 21 years old, and shortly afterward took the final vows. In asking the court to issue a writ of habeas corpus, Mrs. Donley claimed that her daughter was being detained in the convent against her will; that she was not mentally responsible for her act in entering the convent, and that she was suffering from a "religious mania" when she did so.

It was the last plea that prompted the rebuke of Justice Faber who in denying the appeal continued:

"Daily on the bloodstained battlefields of Europe those who are fighting for the emancipation of the world and who are wounded and mamed in the terrible slaughter find solace and comfort at the gentle hands of these pious women whose garb this young woman wears."

Justice Faber said that it had been shown at a hearing that the young woman was free to enter and leave the convent as she desired and that she was far from insane.

GERMANS BLAMED FOR FIRE.

Storehouse and Residences Burned at Wayland, Ky.—Loss $100,000.

Whitesburg, Ky., Dec. 20.—Fire believed to have been the work of German sympathizers, razed part of the town of Wayland, north of here on Beaver Creek, yesterday causing a loss of $100,000. Among the buildings destroyed were the storehouse of the Elkhorn Mining Corporation and several of the finest residences in the town.

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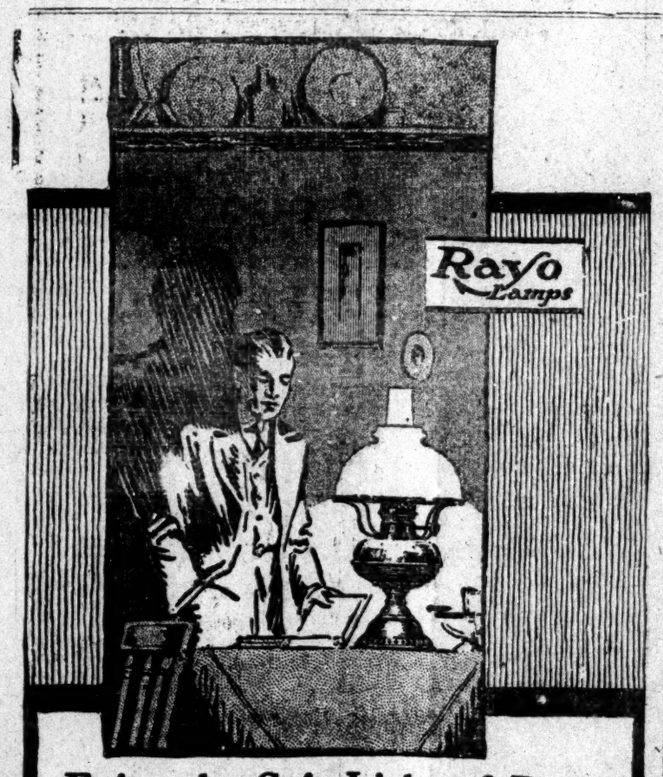

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SPECIAL NOTICES

Notice Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the District of Columbia Paper Manufacturing Company will be held at it's principal office, 111 south Fairfax street, Alexandria, Virginia, on Monday, January 21, 1918, between the hours of twelve and one o'clock p. m. for the election of officers and the transaction of any other business that may come properly before said meeting.

A. B. Tolson, Ass't Treasurer.
Dec. 13-20-27. Jan 3.

To the Stockholders of the Rosney Iron and Lumber Company, Limited:

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Rosney Iron and Lumber Company, Limited will be held in the law office of J. K. M. Norton, esq., at No. 128 south Fairfax street, in the city of Alexandria, Virginia, on the 14th day of January, 1918, between the hours of one and two o'clock p. m., for the election of two directors and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. Witness my hand at Westminster, Md., this 13th day of December, 1917.

Ralph S. Reifsnider, Secretary.
298-12t.

Notice.

The Alexandria Medical Society announces that on and after Jan. 1, 1918, the following fees will be the minimum charges made by its members:

Office visits $1.00 to $10 00; house visits $2.00; night visits $5.00; Consultations $5.00; obstetrics $25.00, extra for each mile beyond city limits $1.00 297-10t

Notice.

Having qualified as executrix of the estate Mrs. Louisa M. Pullin, I desire to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present same for settlement. All owing said estate are requested to make prompt settlement.

Miss Ola Pullin, Executrix.
297-10t

Stockholders' Meeting of the American Rutile Company of Virginia.

The annual Meeting of the stockholders of the American Rutile Co., will be held at the office of the company, No. 111 south Fairfax street, Alexandria, Virginia, on Monday, the 7th, of January, 1918, from 12 o'clock noon to 1 o'clock p. m., for the election of directors, and for the transaction of such other business as can be lawfully considered. The transfer books will be closed for 10 days prior to the 7th day of January.

W. M. Slater, President.
Albert Harper, Sec. and Treas
296-12t.

Notice Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Iowa Apartment House Company for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of other business will be held at the office of the company No. 107 north Fairfax street, in the City of Alexandria State of Virginia, on Tuesday, January 8th, 1918, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Charles D. Walcott, President.
A. M. McLachlen, Secretary.
295-12t

Notice Annual Meeting.

The Annual meeting of the stockholders of the Ontario Apartment House Company for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of other business of the Company will be held at the office of the Company, No. 107 north Fairfax street, in the City of Alexandria, State of Virginia on Tuesday, January 8th, 1918 at 10:30 o'clock a. m.

Charles D Walcott, President.
A. M. McLachlen, Secretary.
295-12t,

Notice Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the McLachlen Banking Corporation for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of other business will be held at the office of the Company No. 107 North Fairfax street, in the city of Alexandria, State of Virginia, on Tuesday January 8th, 1918, at 11 o'clock a. m.

A. M. McLachlen, President.
John A. Massie, Treasurer.
295-12t.

Notice Annual Meeting.

The Alexandria National Bank
Alexandria, Va., Dec. 8, 1917.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of this bank, for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it, will be held at the Banking House of said Bank, on Tuesday, January 8, 1918, at 12 o'clock, noon.

The polls will be open from 12 M to 1 p. m.

J. L. PERRY, Cashier.
295-25t.

Notice Annual Meeting.

The Citizens National Bank,
Alexandria, Va.,
Dec. 8th, 1917.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of this bank, for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it, will be held at the Banking House, on Tuesday, January 8th, 1918, at 12 o'clock noon.

The polls will be open from 12 M. to 1 P. M.

Richard M. Green, Cashier.
294-25t.

Notice Annual Meeting.

December 8, 1917.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Alexandria, Va., will be held at the Banking House on Tuesday, January 8, 1918, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the election of directors and transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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7.37 a. m., Local to Danville.

7:47 a. m., Daily—Local to Harrisonburg. Buffet parlor car.

9:17 a. m., Daily—U. S. fast mail. Coaches and sleeping cars to Charlotte, Atlanta, Birmingham, New Orleans. Sleeping car Salisbury to Asheville. Dining car.

9.37 a. m., Daily-Manassas Orange and Charlottesville and limited beyond to Atlanta. Coaches only.

4:02 p. m., Daily except Sunday—Local to Harrisonburg. Buffet parlor car.

4:22 p. m., Daily—Local to Charlottesville. Parlor car to Warrenton, daily except Sunday.

5:12 p. m., Daily—Birmingham Special Coaches and sleeping cars to Atlanta and Birmingham Dining car. Daily tourist car to California.

5:22 p. m., Daily except Sunday—Local for Warrenton.

7:17 p. m., Daily—Augusta Special. Coaches and sleeping cars to Charlotte, Columbia, Aiken and Augusta. Sleeping cars to Asheville. Dining car.

10:02 p. m., Daily—Washington & Chattanooga Limited. (Va Lynchburg). Coaches and sleeping cars to Roanoke, Knoxville, Chattanooga, New Orleans. Dining car.

11:02 p. m. Daily—New York & New Orleans Limited. All Pullman train. Club and Observation cars to Atlanta and New Orleans. Sleeping car to Macon. Dining car.

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P. M.—12 20, 12 40, 1 00, 1 20, 1 40; 2 00, 2 20, 2 40, 3 00, 3 20, 3 40, 4 00, 4 20, 4 40, 5 00, 5 20, 5 40, 6 00, 6 40 7 00, 7 20, 7 35, 8 00, 8 20, 9 00, 9 20, 10 00, 10 30, 11 10, 11 55

Sunday and Holidays, same as above except trains at 5 00, 5 40, 6 00, 6 20, 6 40, 7 10, 7 30, 7 50, and 8 10 A. M and 11 55 P. M.

Leave Alexandria For Mt. Vernon.

A. M.—Week Days—5 35, 6 55, 7 35, 8 55, 10 30, 11 30.—P. M.—12 30, 1 30, 2 30, 3 30, 4 30, 5 35, 6 40, 7 35, 8 31, 10 20, 11 50.

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